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Colby Urges the Senate To Approve Arms Pact

William E. Colby, former director of Central Intelligence, urged the Senate yesterday to approve the nuclear arms treaty with the Soviet Union.

"I think we should ratify the SALT II agreement now because, in our relationship with a hostile Soviet Union, we are better off with the agreement than without it," Mr. Colby said.

He conceded that the agreement was less than ideal from the American viewpoint, but asserted that it would prevent a

full-scale arms race and would provide some measure of limitation to Soviet weapon development.

Mr. Colby made his remarks in a speech at a conference on the treaty held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York. The conference was sponsored by the National Committee on American Foreign Policy, a private nonprofit group.